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NAVY CHAPEL CLOSING

Washington, DC – Naval District Washington (NDW) will bid farewell to the Nebraska Avenue Complex Navy Chapel during a ceremony Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. The chapel address is 3801 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will officially assume control of the Nebraska Avenue Complex (NAC) property Jan. 1, 2005, and by doing so the Navy Chapel will serve as a conference center to accommodate DHS needs.

The Navy Chapel was built in 1925 and was named the Elizabeth J. Somers Chapel. The chapel was part of the Mount Vernon Seminary Campus until 1942 when the Navy purchased the property in support of the war effort.

The Mount Vernon Seminary became the Naval Communications Station and later became what is now the Nebraska Avenue Complex.

The ceremony is open to the public. For more information or to attend the ceremony call the NDW Chaplain's Office at (202) 433-2058.

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